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Granting the consent of Congress to the Chickasaw Trail Economic
Development Compact.

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Mr. BRYANT (for himself and Mr. WICKER) introduced the following joint
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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Economic Development Compact.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 The Congress consents to the Chickasaw Trail Economic
4 Development Compact entered into by the State of Ten-
5 nessee and the State of Mississippi. The compact is sub-
6 stantially as follows:

7 **CHICKASAW TRAIL ECONOMIC**
8 **DEVELOPMENT COMPACT**

9 **Article I.** The purpose of this compact is to pro-
10 mote the development of an undeveloped rural area of

1 Marshall County, Mississippi, and Fayette County, Ten-
 2 nessee (hereinafter referred to as “Chickasaw Trail Eco-
 3 nomic Development Area”), and to create a development
 4 authority which incorporates public and private partner-
 5 ships to facilitate the economic growth of such areas by
 6 providing developed sites for the location and construction
 7 of manufacturing plants, distribution facilities, research
 8 facilities, regional and national offices with supportive
 9 services, and facilities, and to establish a joint interstate
 10 authority to assist in these efforts.

11 **Article II.** This compact shall become effective im-
 12 mediately whenever the states of Tennessee and Mis-
 13 sissippi have ratified it and Congress has given consent
 14 thereto.

15 **Article III.** The states which are parties to this
 16 compact (hereinafter referred to as “party states”) do
 17 hereby establish and create a joint agency which shall be
 18 known as the Chickasaw Trail Economic Development Au-
 19 thority (hereinafter referred to as the “Authority”). The
 20 membership of the Authority shall consist of an appointee
 21 of the Governor of each party state, each state’s chief eco-
 22 nomic development official or his/her representative, ap-
 23 pointee of each of the member counties board of super-
 24 visors/county legislative body, selected from nominees from
 25 the county’s industrial development board, and an ap-

1 pointee of the property owners' group. The appointive
2 members of the authority shall serve for terms of four (4)
3 years. Vacancies on the Authority shall be filled by ap-
4 pointment by the Governor or the appropriate appointing
5 authority for the unexpired part of the term. The members
6 of the Authority shall serve without compensation or reim-
7 bursement of expenses. The members of the Authority
8 shall hold regular quarterly meetings and such special
9 meetings as its business may require. They shall choose
10 annually a chairman and vice-chairman from among their
11 members, and the chairmanship shall rotate each year be-
12 tween the party states. The secretary of the Authority
13 (hereinafter provided for) shall notify each member in
14 writing of all meetings of the Authority in such a manner
15 and under such rules and regulations as the Authority
16 may prescribe. The Authority shall adopt rules and regula-
17 tions for the transaction of its business; and the secretary
18 shall keep a record of all its business, and shall furnish
19 a copy thereof to each member of the Authority. It shall
20 be the duty of the Authority in general, to promote, en-
21 courage and coordinate the efforts of the party states to
22 secure the development of the Chickasaw Trail Economic
23 Development Authority. Toward this end, the authority
24 shall have power to hold hearings; to conduct studies and
25 surveys of all problems, benefits and other matters associ-

1 ated with the development of the Chickasaw Trail Eco-
 2 nomic Development Area and to make reports thereon; to
 3 acquire, by gift or otherwise, and hold and dispose of such
 4 money and property as may be provided for the proper
 5 performance of their functions; to cooperate with other
 6 public or private groups, whether local, state, regional or
 7 national, having an interest in economic development; to
 8 formulate and execute plans and policies for emphasizing
 9 the purpose of this compact before the Congress of the
 10 United States and other appropriate officers and agencies
 11 of the United States and the respective states; and the
 12 exercise of such other powers as may be appropriate to
 13 enable it to accomplish its functions and duties in connec-
 14 tion with the development of the Chickasaw Trail Eco-
 15 nomic Development Area and to carry out the purposes
 16 of this compact.

17 **Article IV.** The Authority shall appoint a secretary,
 18 who shall be a person familiar with the nature, procedures
 19 and significance of economic development and the infor-
 20 mational, educational and publicity methods of stimulating
 21 general interest in such developments, and who shall be
 22 the compact administrator. His/her term of office shall be
 23 at the pleasure of the Authority. He/she shall maintain
 24 custody of the Authority's books, records and papers,
 25 which he/she shall keep at the office of the Authority, and

1 he/she shall perform all functions and duties, and exercise
2 all powers and authorities, that may be delegated to him/
3 her by the Authority.

4 **Article V.** Nothing in this compact shall be con-
5 strued to conflict with any existing statute, or to limit the
6 powers of any party or state or to repeal or prevent legisla-
7 tion, or to authorize or permit curtailment or diminution
8 of any other economic development project, or to affect
9 existing or future cooperative arrangements or relation-
10 ships between any federal agency and a party state.

11 **Article VI.** This compact shall continue in force
12 and remain binding upon each party state until the Legis-
13 lature or Governor of each or either state takes action to
14 withdraw therefrom; provided that such withdrawal shall
15 not become effective until six (6) months after the date
16 of the action taken. Notice of such action shall be given
17 by the Secretary of State of the party state which takes
18 such action.

19 **IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I, Kirk Fordice, have
20 subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the
21 State of Mississippi to be affixed this 9th day of May,
22 1997.

23 **IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I, Don Sundquist,
24 have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal

1 of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 9th day of
2 April, 1997.

3 **SEC. 2. INCONSISTENCY OF LANGUAGE.**

4 The validity of the compact consented to by this Act
5 shall not be affected by any insubstantial difference in its
6 form or language as adopted by the States.

7 **SEC. 3. RIGHT TO ALTER, AMEND, OR REPEAL.**

8 The right to alter, amend, or repeal this joint resolu-
9 tion is hereby expressly reserved.

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